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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Wendy Brown, Policy Analyst
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SUBJECT: Notice of 60-Day Public Comment Period 12 VAC 35-115-10 et seq.

Proposed Revisions: Rules and Regulations to Assure the Rights of Individuals Receiving Services from Providers of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services

DATE: August 24, 2006

In accordance with Virginia Administrative Process Act, the State Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board (State Board) is requesting comments on the proposed revisions to the *Rules and Regulations to Assure the Rights of Individuals Receiving Services from Providers of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse* (Human Rights Regulations). The proposed regulations are scheduled to be published in the Virginia Register of Regulations on September 18, 2006 and will also be available on the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services website at www.dmhmrzas.virginia.gov and the Virginia Regulatory Townhall at www.Townhall.virginia.gov. Your comments will be accepted through November 17, 2006.

Comments on the proposed revisions to the regulations may be provided in writing to the Department's Office of Human Rights at the following addresses:

Mail: Office of Human Rights
1220 Bank Street
PO Box 1797
Richmond, Virginia 23218

Fax: 804-371-2308

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The State Board will conduct public hearings on the proposed revisions to the regulations at the following locations:

October 11, 2006 from 4-6 pm
Valley Community Services Board
85 Sanger's Lane
Staunton, VA 24401

October 17, 2006 from 4-6 pm
Mt. Rogers Community Mental Health & Mental Retardation Services
770 West Ridge Road
Wytheville, VA 24382

October 19, 2006 from 4 to 6 pm
Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute
382 Taylor Dr.
Danville, VA 24541

October 24, 2006 from 4 to 6 pm
Hospitality Center
Norfolk CSB
6401 Tidewater Dr.
Norfolk, VA 23509

November 8, 2006 from 4 to 6 pm
Henrico Area Mental Health and Retardation Services
Conference Room C
10299 Woodman Rd.
Glen Allen, VA 23060

November 9, 2006 from 6-8pm
Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, VA 22035

Individuals providing comments on the regulations during a public hearing are encouraged to bring a written copy of their comments. Each speaker at a public hearing will be permitted 3 minutes for comment. Individuals requiring an interpreter or other type of accommodation should contact the State Board Office at 804-786-7945 no later than one week prior to the hearing.

If you have any questions about the process or would like a paper copy of the regulations or this request, please contact the Office of Human Rights at the above address.

Thank you for your participation in this regulatory process